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FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *J. Fielding*
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Subject: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S USE OF
DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A BIOTERRORISM
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
BUSINESS EXECUTIVES FOR NATIONAL SECURITY**

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Health (DPH or Department) is exercising its delegated authority approved by the Board on August 29, 2006, authorizing the Director, or his designee, to execute an agreement with Business Executives for National Security (BENS) for the provision of bioterrorism preparedness and response services.

Under the proposed agreement, BENS will assist DPH by identifying private sector entities which can support mass prophylaxis response, such as Point of Dispensing (POD) deployments. BENS will help to bring to DPH businesses that can assist with not only staffing, but also other support activities including transportation and logistics. The CDC has encouraged its grantees to develop relationships with the private sector in support of public health emergency response.

Accordingly, the Department will enter into an agreement with BENS to identify suitable private sector entities willing to assist DPH, and develop and exercise a plan for private sector operational assistance in preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. The term of the agreement is approximately five months at a maximum obligation of \$387,456, 100% offset by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Notice of Cooperative Agreement No. U90/CCU917012-07.

The referred contractual documents have been reviewed and approved by the Chief Administrative Office and County Counsel.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

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